



Recommended Action Agenda for Implementation

From the beginning of this process, the City Council has given clear direction. They want a set of implementable actions that will achieve the vision for downtown. The challenge and the opportunity for the City Council and the community will be in prioritizing, refining and implementing these actions.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

- ☒ Preserve sufficient area for a trail, open space, and possible transit use
- ☒ Complete the downtown street grid with added right-of-way crossings as properties redevelop

PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- ☒ Create gateways and pedestrian/bike connections

RECLAIM DOWNTOWN STREETS

- ☒ Improve the pedestrian environment
- ☒ Complete roadway connections, including across the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in downtown

COUPLET

- ☒ Convert Redmond/Cleveland couplet to two-way circulation contingent upon completion of Bear Creek Parkway
- ☒ Create environmentally sensitive alternate route using Bear Creek Parkway, connecting at west and east ends
- ☒ Complete the street grid throughout downtown as properties redevelop
- ☒ Work actively with the state to see that further improvements to SR-520 are completed

PARKING

- ☒ Add on-street parking
- ☒ Revise on-site parking policy in the downtown core
- ☒ Provide several smaller parking facilities dispersed throughout downtown

TRANSIT

- ☒ Preserve a portion of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad for future transit use
- ☒ Maintain a transit facility downtown and consider locating an additional Park & Ride west of downtown as part of a city-wide transit strategy



Dear Council, Staff, Downtown Developers, and other interested members of the community:

In 2001 the City of Redmond decided that a new transportation master plan for downtown was needed to guide the next twenty years of development and provide clear direction for transportation choices. The City hired Parsons Brinckerhoff Consulting Engineers and Architects to help define alternatives, lead a public involvement process, and deliver this document to help guide transportation decisions in downtown.

A key part of the process was two community workshops in early 2002 to help develop an action agenda for downtown. There were nearly 200 participants and voting showed a clear consensus on many elements of the proposed plan. The results of the workshops and decisions by City Council provided the action agenda framework that was used to develop this plan.

The primary purpose of this document is to provide conceptual street layouts for downtown Redmond that are consistent with the action agenda. In addition, this document includes background information on the process and analysis used in its development. It is the product of over two years of effort and is intended to be a "work in progress" that reflects the action agenda approved by Council in 2002. This document is a starting place for frontage and street design that provides detailed proposed plans and cross-sections for all the major streets. These street designs are consistent with the overall vision, guiding principles, and transportation concept for downtown.

The City will rely on this document as a tool for guiding both new development requirements and City projects. Over the next year and a half the document will be refined and particular sections will go through the appropriate approval process to become fully integrated into the Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Guide. In addition, the second phase of a city-wide Transportation Master Plan is now underway and scheduled for completion at the end of 2004. It is both anticipated and desired that this next phase will influence future modifications to the downtown plan. Two major concept features, transit and parking, need further refinement and will be included in this next transportation planning process.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this effort. The community workshops were some of the most inclusive and results-oriented planning work done during my tenure as Mayor. I am very proud of the staff who served the community during this effort and will continue to serve in working with the community and elected officials to implement this plan.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie M. Ives, Mayor